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MEMORANDUM: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ADMINISTRATION)

SUBJECT : One-Year Contracts for [REDACTED] Personnel

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1. Reference is made to the attached memorandum to your office from the Deputy Assistant Director of Operations, recommending one-year (instead of two-year) contracts and employment agreements for certain [REDACTED] personnel.

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2. The recommended changes are clearly permissible from a legal viewpoint. The present two-year rule is one of policy, not of law.

3. The Deputy Assistant Director of Operations has informed this office that personnel affected by the recommended change will not be accorded home leave privileges at the end of their one-year tours of duty. Consequently, there should be no problem concerning Section 5(a) (3) (A) of Public Law 110, which provides for home leave for certain employees upon completion of two years continuous service abroad.

4. The following excerpt from Administrative Instruction 20-7/1, dated 31 December 1948, is sufficient for expeditious handling of this problem:

"The Assistant Directors for Operations, Special Operations and Policy Coordination may, in their discretion, require acceptance of an agreement to serve overseas as a condition of employment for any prospective employee of their offices, and prescribe a tour of less than 24 months where it is determined to be in the best interest of the government."

The Deputy Assistant Director of Operations is aware of the above, but has presented the proposal to your office in view of the nature of the problem and the number of personnel involved.

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